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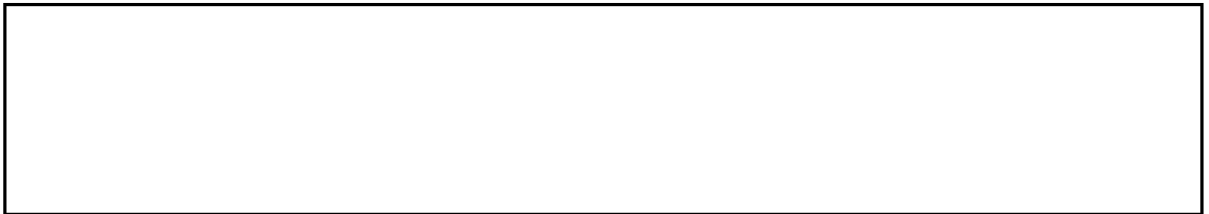
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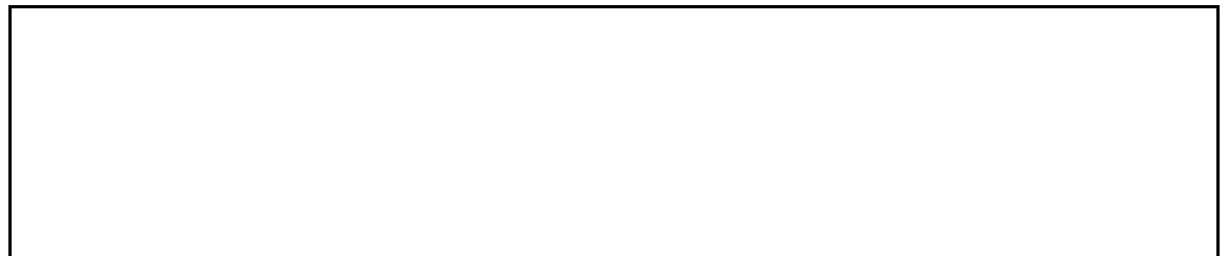
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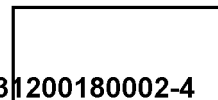
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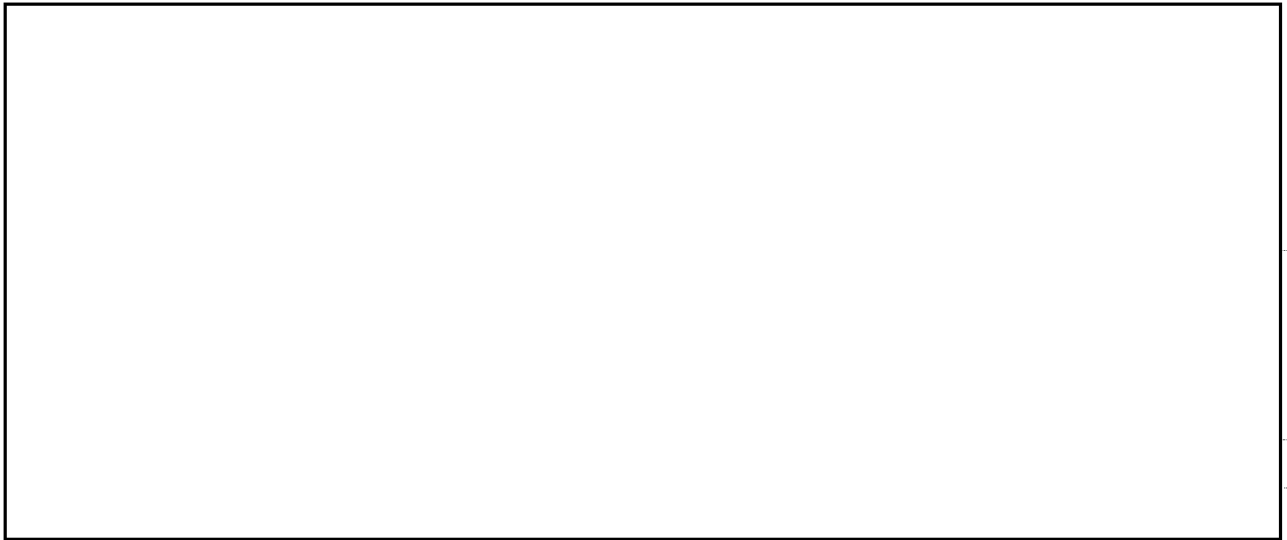
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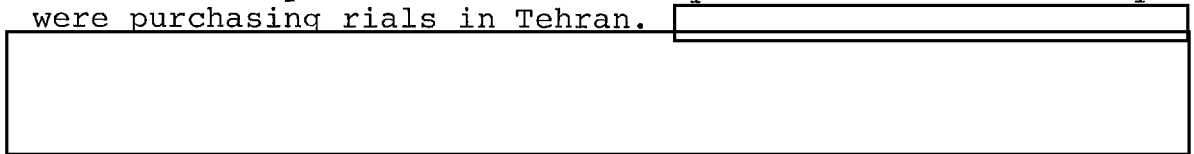
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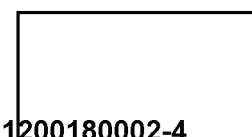
IRAN: Currency Purchases

Prime Minister Bazargan yesterday told US Ambassador Sullivan he had received reports that the Soviet-supported Tudeh Party is buying up Iranian rials, possibly in Romania. In addition, Iranian bankers have informed the US Embassy that the Tudeh Party and the Soviet Embassy were purchasing rials in Tehran.

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OVERNIGHT REPORTS

(The items in the Overnight Reports section have not been coordinated within the intelligence community. They are prepared overnight by the Office of Current Operations with analyst comment where possible from the production offices of NFAC.)

Middle East

The Syrian Foreign Ministry disclosed last night that Iraq has issued an invitation for a three-day meeting of Arab foreign and economic ministers in Baghdad beginning Tuesday, a day after the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty is expected to be signed in Washington. The Syrian Government has agreed to participate. 

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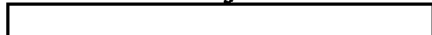
Thailand-USSR

Thai Prime Minister Kriangsak flew to the USSR today at the head of a 23-man delegation. Bangkok radio said Kriangsak is scheduled to return home next Tuesday.



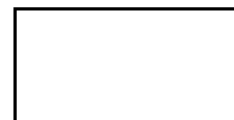
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Grenada

Jamaica, Guyana, and Barbados last night became the first countries to recognize the leftist regime that recently seized power in Grenada. 

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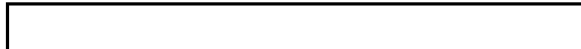
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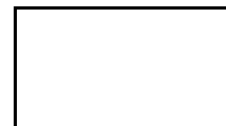
Portugal

President Eanes recently told US Ambassador Bloomfield that he expects the Portuguese political situation to "get worse" but is determined to avoid aligning himself with any of the parties in seeking a solution. The Ambassador notes that Eanes was reiterating his somewhat strict constructionist views on the role of the presidency in those remarks, but suggests Eanes may consider it tactically wise to allow other alternatives to fail conspicuously before he takes a stronger political role. Eanes also complained that the Communists are creating as much instability as possible in order to damage the economy, but the Embassy reports that the Communists so far have refrained from all-out efforts to destabilize the country.



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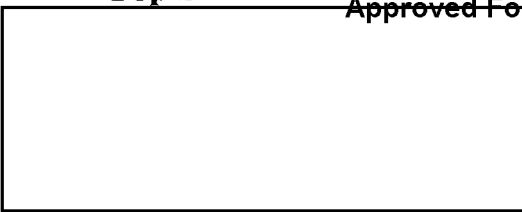




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